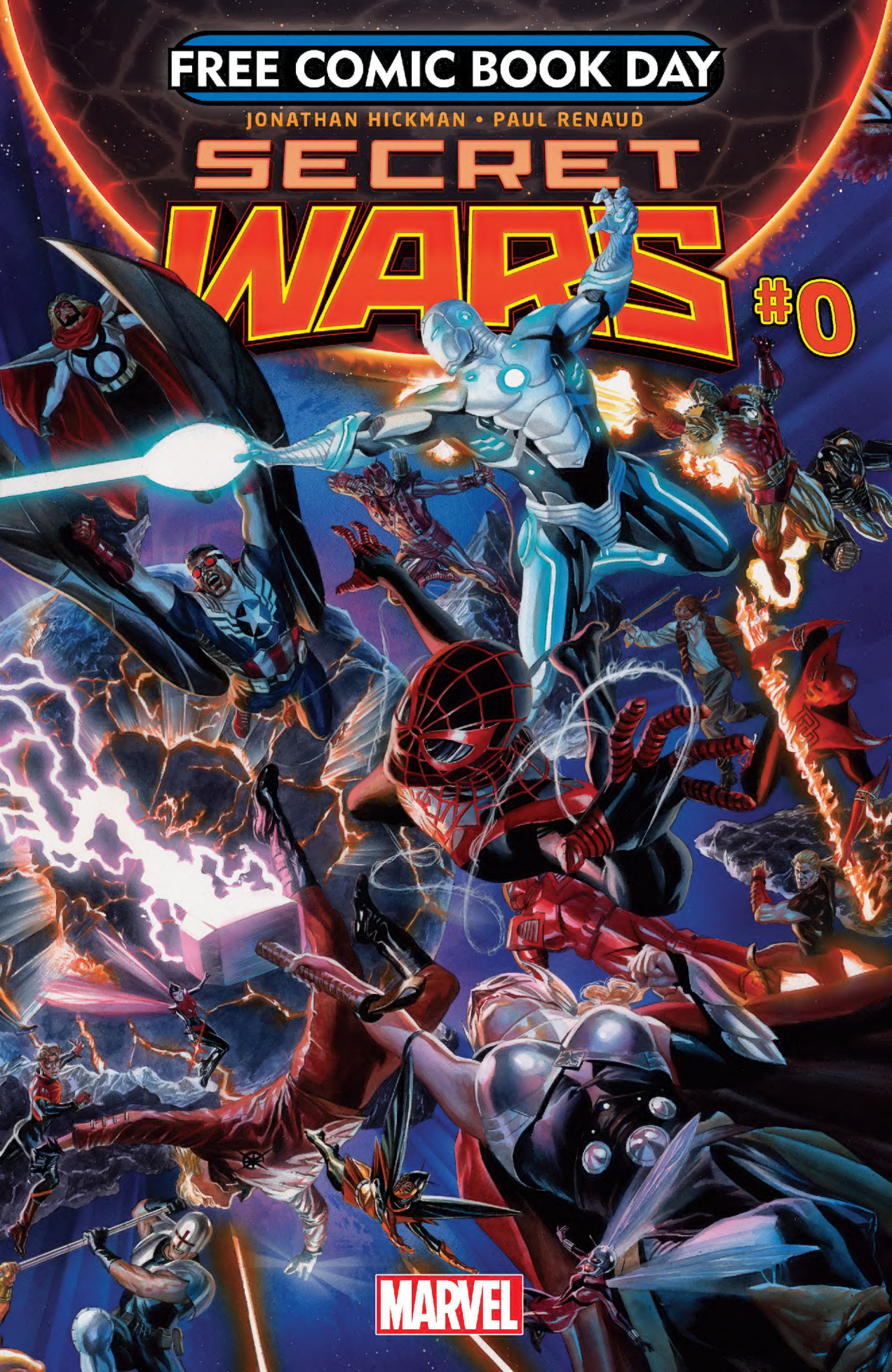
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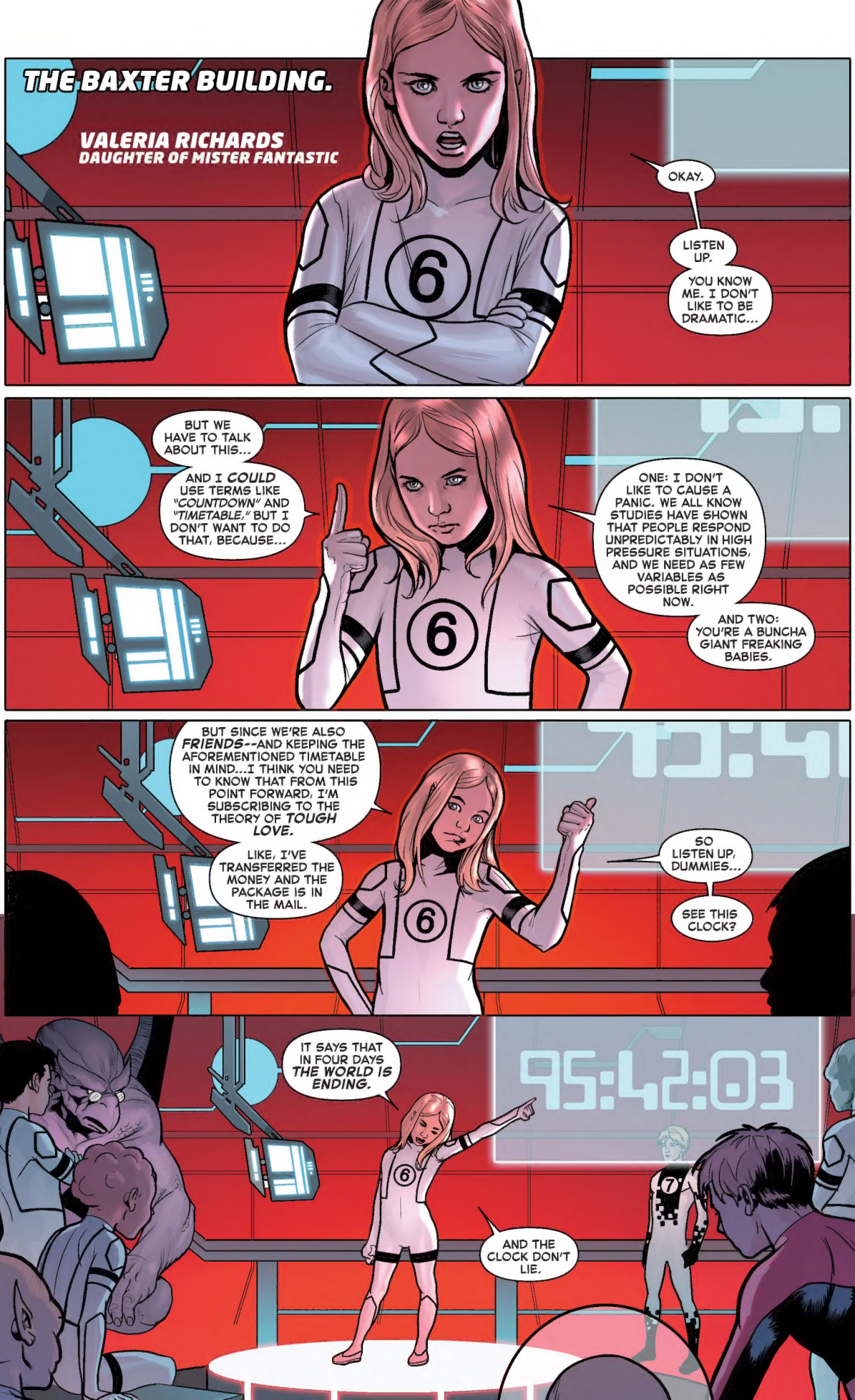
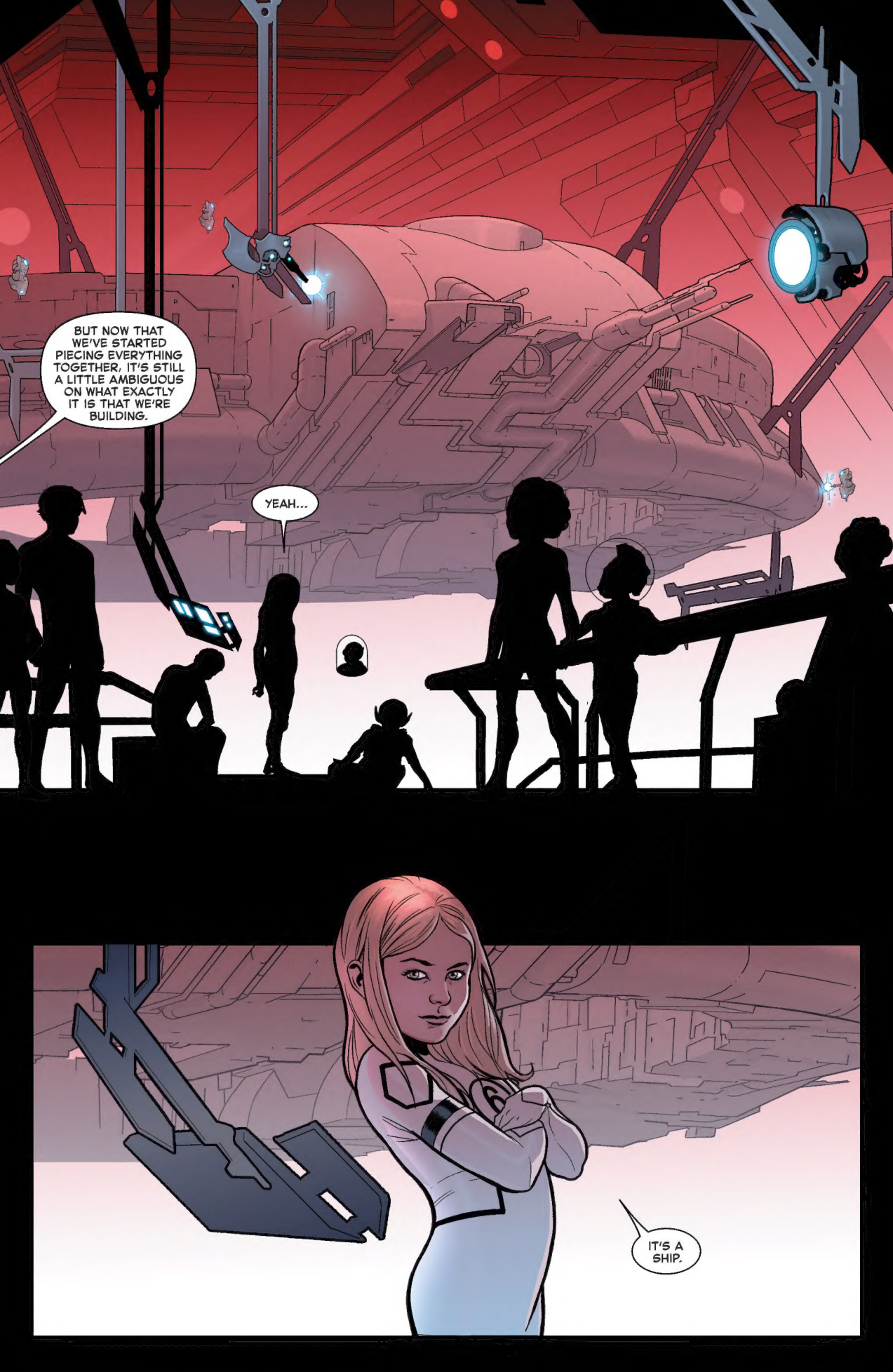
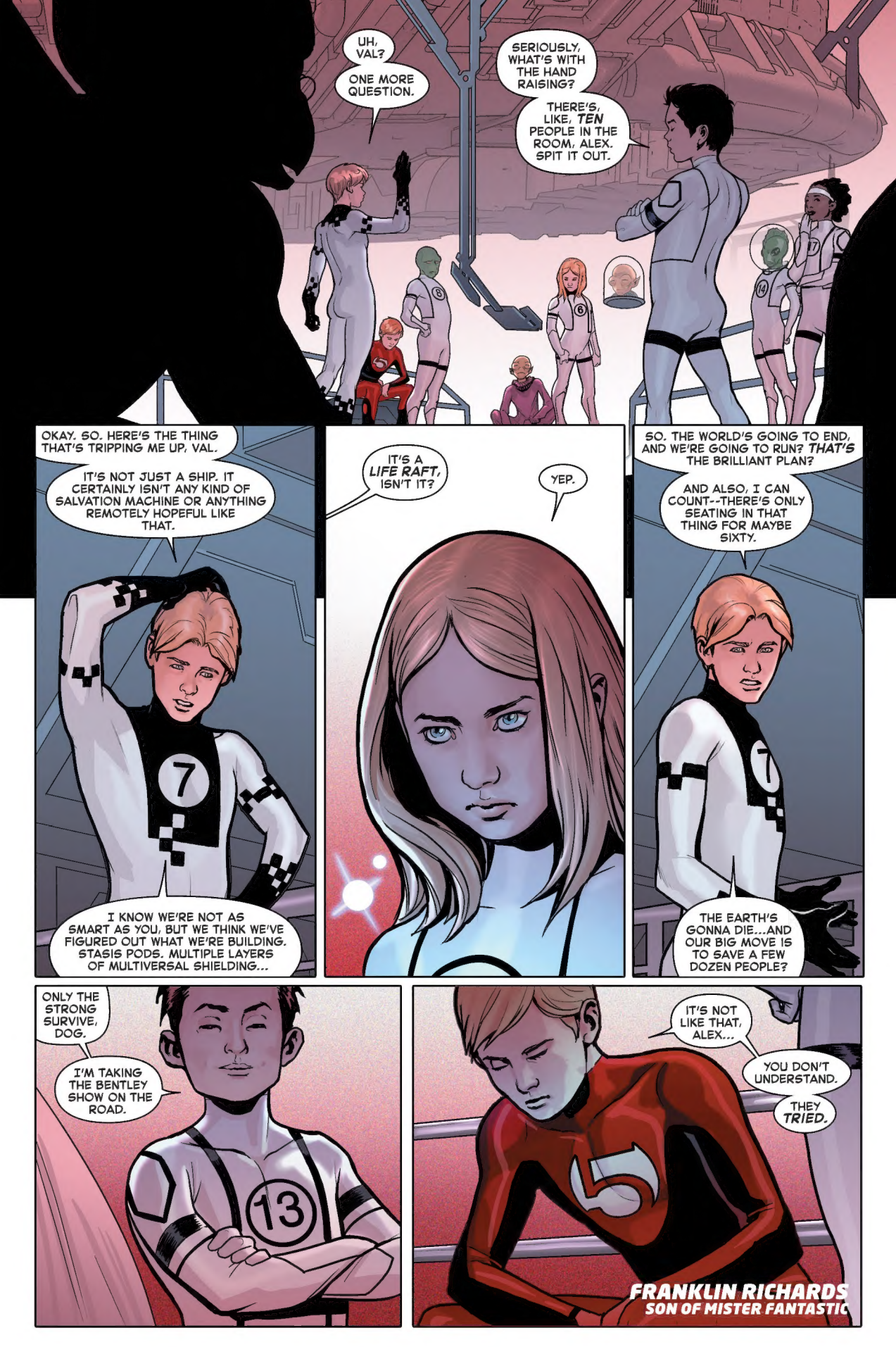

THE BAXTER BUILDING.
VALERIA RICHARDS
DAUGHTER OF MISTER FANTASTIC
OKAY.
LISTEN UP.
YOU KNOW ME. I DON'T LIKE TO BE DRAMATIC...
BUT WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS...
AND I COULD USE TERMS LIKE "COUNTDOWN" AND "TIMETABLE," BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, BECAUSE...
ONE: I DON'T LIKE TO CAUSE A PANIC. WE ALL KNOW STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT PEOPLE RESPOND UNPREDICTABLY IN HIGH PRESSURE SITUATIONS, AND WE NEED AS FEW VARIABLES AS POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW.
AND TWO: YOU'RE A BUNCHA GIANT FREAKING BABIES.
BUT SINCE WE'RE ALSO FRIENDS--AND KEEPING THE AFOREMENTIONED TIMETABLE IN MIND...I THINK YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, I'M SUBSCRIBING TO THE THEORY OF TOUGH LOVE.
LIKE, I'VE TRANSFERRED THE MONEY AND THE PACKAGE IS IN THE MAIL.
SO LISTEN UP, DUMMIES...
SEE THIS CLOCK?
95:42:03
IT SAYS THAT IN FOUR DAYS THE WORLD IS ENDING.
AND THE CLOCK DON'T LIE.

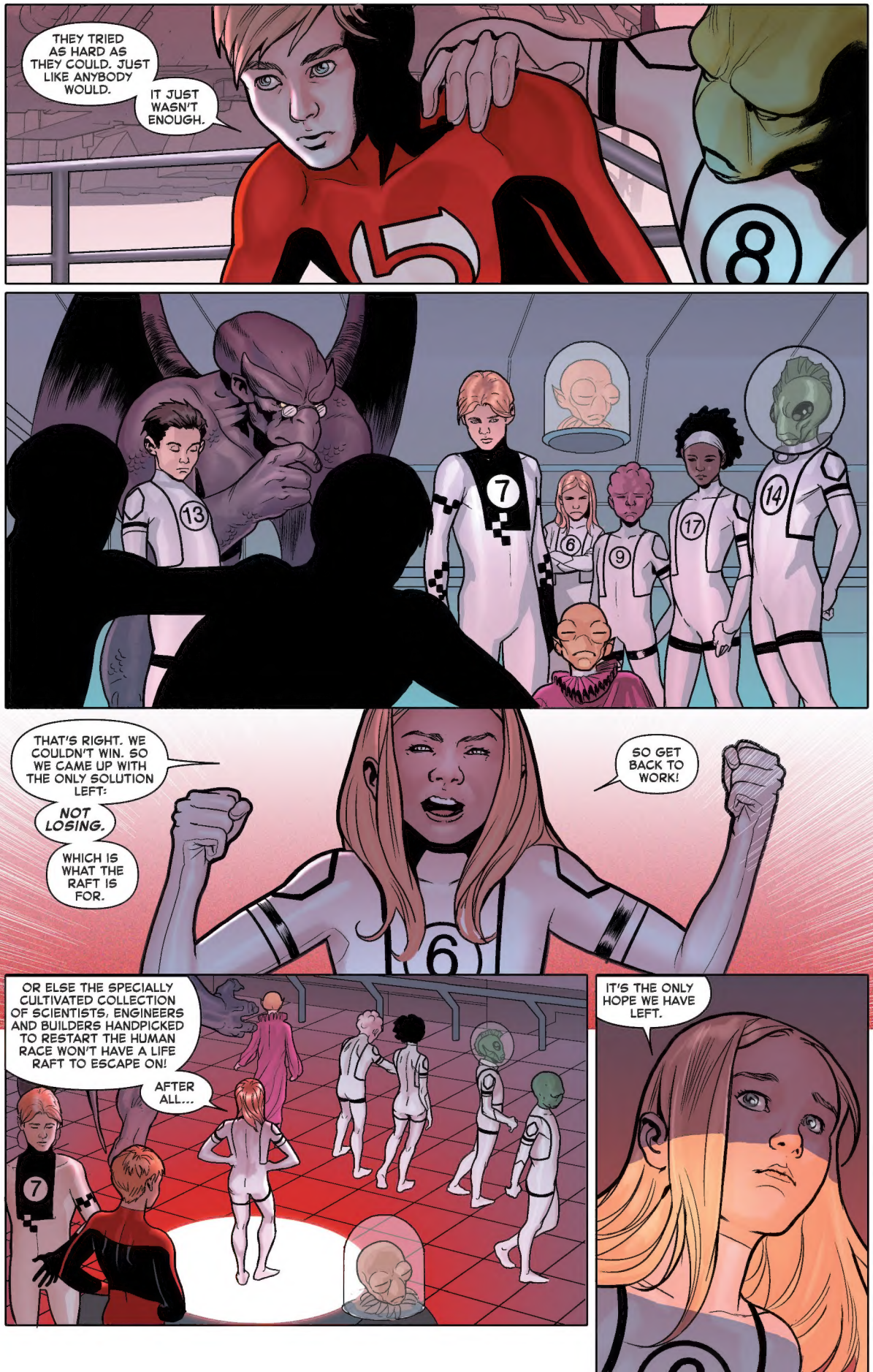
THE GOOD NEWS, FUTURE FOUNDATION, IS WE'RE ALMOST DONE WITH OUR BUILD...AND WE *CAN* FINISH WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON.
DAD, BLACK PANTHER AND THEIR OTHER SORT-OF-SMART FRIENDS WILL HELP OUT, BUT WE SHOULD PLAN ON THAT NOT HAPPENING... AS THINGS ARE GOING TO GET PRETTY CRAZY OUT THERE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.
95:40:09
OKAY. THAT'S IT FOR THE PEP TALK, WORKER BEES. ANY QUESTIONS?
AHEM.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RAISE YOUR HAND, MAN.
IN TIMES OF STRESS, AN ORDERLY MIND IS A FORTRESS, BENTLEY.
GO AHEAD, DRAGON.
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
AT FIRST, NONE OF US NOTICED, BECAUSE WE WERE ALL FOCUSED ON SEPARATE SYSTEMS.
FOR EXAMPLE: I WAS WORKING ON LONG-TERM STASIS, WHILE *ONOME* WAS FABRICATING THE VIBRANIUM-TRIBUNAL HULL PLATING...

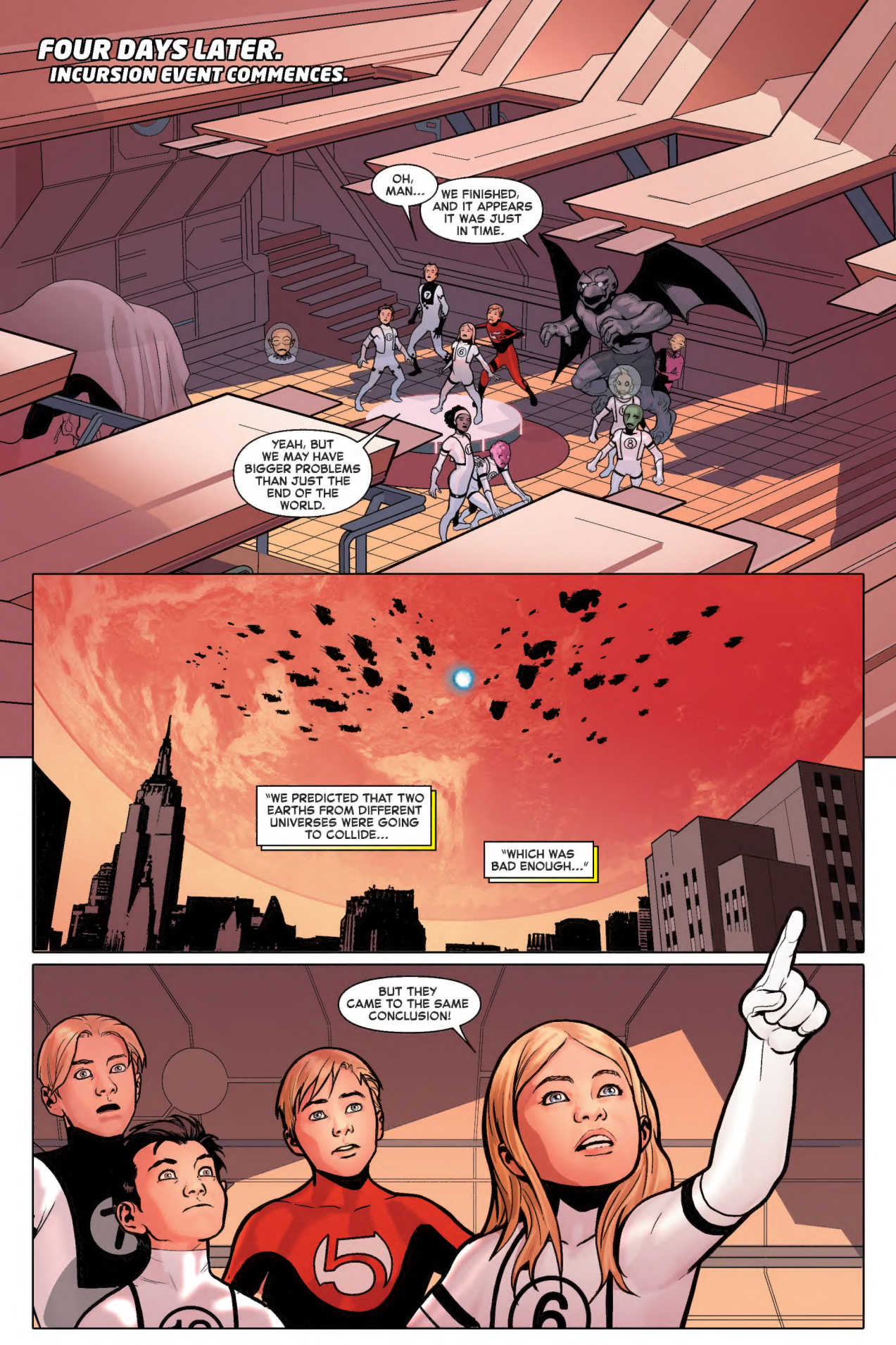

BUT NOW THAT WE'VE STARTED PIECING EVERYTHING TOGETHER, IT'S STILL A LITTLE AMBIGUOUS ON WHAT EXACTLY IT IS THAT WE'RE BUILDING.
YEAH...
IT'S A SHIP.


UH, VAL?
ONE MORE QUESTION.
SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S WITH THE HAND RAISING?
THERE'S, LIKE, TEN PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, ALEX. SPIT IT OUT.
OKAY. SO. HERE'S THE THING THAT'S TRIPPING ME UP, VAL.
IT'S NOT JUST A SHIP. IT CERTAINLY ISN'T ANY KIND OF SALVATION MACHINE OR ANYTHING REMOTELY HOPEFUL LIKE THAT.
I KNOW WE'RE NOT AS SMART AS YOU, BUT WE THINK WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT WE'RE BUILDING. STASIS PODS. MULTIPLE LAYERS OF MULTIVERSAL SHIELDING...
IT'S A LIFE RAFT, ISN'T IT?
YEP.
SO. THE WORLD'S GOING TO END, AND WE'RE GOING TO RUN? THAT'S THE BRILLIANT PLAN?
AND ALSO, I CAN COUNT--THERE'S ONLY SEATING IN THAT THING FOR MAYBE SIXTY.
THE EARTH'S GONNA DIE...AND OUR BIG MOVE IS TO SAVE A FEW DOZEN PEOPLE?
ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE, DOG.
I'M TAKING THE BENTLEY SHOW ON THE ROAD.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, ALEX...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY TRIED.
FRANKLIN RICHARDS
SON OF MISTER FANTASTIC

"IT STARTED IN SECRET, WITH THE ILLUMINATI.
"WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THAT UNIVERSES WERE COLLIDING, THE SMARTEST AND VERY BEST OF US ATTEMPTED TO SAVE EVERYONE.
"THEY TRIED EVERYTHING TO PREVENT THE INCURSIONS. THE IMPROBABLE...
"THE IMPOSSIBLE...
"AND THEN, EVENTUALLY, THE UNTHINKABLE-- DESTROYING WORLDS!

"IT WAS TOO MUCH. AND THESE GREAT MEN WHO HAD DONE SUCH GREAT THINGS...
"THEY ALL BROKE.
"THEY SPLINTERED.
"AND IN THEIR ABSENCE, SOMETHING WORSE TOOK THEIR PLACE--*THE CABAL.*
"EVERYTHING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT...
"INCLUDING THESE PEOPLE WHO HAD ONCE BEEN COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS."


THEY TRIED AS HARD AS THEY COULD. JUST LIKE ANYBODY WOULD.
IT JUST WASN'T ENOUGH.
THAT'S RIGHT. WE COULDN'T WIN. SO WE CAME UP WITH THE ONLY SOLUTION LEFT:
NOT LOSING.
WHICH IS WHAT THE RAFT IS FOR.
SO GET BACK TO WORK!
OR ELSE THE SPECIALLY CULTIVATED COLLECTION OF SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS HANDPICKED TO RESTART THE HUMAN RACE WON'T HAVE A LIFE RAFT TO ESCAPE ON!
AFTER ALL...
IT'S THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE LEFT.


FOUR DAYS LATER.
INCURSION EVENT COMMENCES.
OH, MAN...
WE FINISHED, AND IT APPEARS IT WAS JUST IN TIME.
YEAH, BUT WE MAY HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN JUST THE END OF THE WORLD.
"WE PREDICTED THAT TWO EARTHS FROM DIFFERENT UNIVERSES WERE GOING TO COLLIDE...
"WHICH WAS BAD ENOUGH..."
BUT THEY CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION!

"I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO *FIGHT* OUR WAY OUT OF THIS."

Originally commissioned for BRUTUS Magazine in Japan, the following story postulates what would happen in an encounter between Marvel's AVENGERS and the Titans from Hajime Isayama's popular manga ATTACK ON TITAN. It is presented here in English for the first time.

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THE SCENE HERE IN MANHATTAN IS ONE OF PURE CHAOS. THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF COLOSSAL TITANS HAS CAUSED A STATE OF PANIC, AS THE GIANTS DEVOUR ANYONE THEY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON.
THE AVENGERS AND S.H.I.E.L.D. ARE REPORTEDLY EN ROUTE TO BATTLE THESE MYSTERIOUS PREDATORS...
TRISH TILBY, REPORTING FROM CENTRAL PARK
MARIA, DOES S.H.I.E.L.D. HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THOSE THINGS ARE?
NO SOLID INTEL YET, TONY. THESE "TITANS" SIMPLY EMERGED FROM THE WATER AND STARTED EATING PEOPLE.
BUT HERE'S THE SITREP...
...SPIDER-MAN HAS ENGAGED TWO OF THE "SMALLER" TITANS IN TIMES SQUARE.
IF YOU KIDS WANT A PHOTO OP, YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE!
DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL.

SHEESH! THE TROUBLE WITH DEALING WITH YOU SILENT MONSTROSITIES...
THWIP!
THWIP!
...IS THAT THERE'S NOBODY TO APPRECIATE MY RAPIER-LIKE WIT!
THWAP!
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEBODY YOUR OWN SIZE--LIKE CLEVELAND?

HEY, I'M UPSET THAT DEREK JETER RETIRED, TOO...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T LEAVE THE BIG APPLE WITHOUT A SLUGGER!
IT'S NOT SPIDER-MAN I'M WORRIED ABOUT, THOUGH...
DAMN! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THOSE THINGS, CAP!
CAPTAIN AMERICA, BLACK WIDOW AND HAWKEYE HAVE A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH...
SO DID YOU EXPECT TO LIVE FOREVER, HAWKEYE?
MIGHT'VE BEEN NICE.
IT'S UP TO US TO CONTAIN THEM!
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A WEAK POINT AT THE BACK OF THEIR NECKS!

THAT'S ALL THE TARGET I NEED!

BOZHE MOI!

IRON MAN! DID YOU COPY THAT, TONY?

COPY, MARIA! I'M FIVE SECONDS OUT FROM THE HULK...
GRRR!
...WITH A RED-HOT REPULSOR SURPRISE FOR MISS TEENAGE TOWERING BEAUTY QUEEN HERE.

BAH! TITANS THINK THEY ARE STRONG! STRONGER THAN HULK!
BUT TITANS ARE WRONG!
HULK IS THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!
HULK SMASH!

FORM UP, TEAM!
THE BATTLE'S NOT OVER YET, AVENGERS! REPORTS ARE POURING IN FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. ...
...THE LARGEST TITAN YET JUST EMERGED DOWNTOWN, NEAR THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!
AHHHHHHHHHHH!
HEY, IRON MAN!
HOOKED ON A FEELIN'!
YOU GUYS CAN TAKE A MOMENT TO CATCH YOUR BREATH...
THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY ARE HERE TO HELP!

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